



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 181**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING FULL-FACED BALLOTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 9-242 of the 2006 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (d) Any direct recording electronic voting machine approved by the  
5 Secretary of the State for an election or primary held on or after July 1,  
6 2005, shall be so constructed as to:

7 (1) (A) Contemporaneously produce an individual, permanent,  
8 paper record containing all of the elector's selections of ballot  
9 preferences for candidates and questions or proposals, if any, prior to  
10 the elector's casting a ballot, as set forth in this subsection, and (B)  
11 produce at any time after the close of the polls a voting machine  
12 generated, individual, permanent, paper record of each such elector's  
13 selections of ballot preferences for candidates and questions or  
14 proposals, if any. Both the contemporaneously produced paper record  
15 and the voting machine generated paper record of each elector's  
16 selections of ballot preferences shall include a voting machine  
17 generated unique identifier that can be matched against each other and  
18 which preserves the secrecy of the elector's ballot as set forth in  
19 subdivision (4) of this subsection;

20 (2) Provide each elector with an opportunity to verify that the  
21 contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent, paper record  
22 accurately conforms to such elector's selection of ballot preferences, as  
23 reflected on the electronic summary screen, and to hear, if desired, an  
24 audio description of such electronic summary screen, for the purpose  
25 of having an opportunity to make any corrections or changes prior to  
26 casting the ballot. If an elector makes corrections or changes prior to  
27 casting the ballot, the voting machine shall void such  
28 contemporaneously produced paper record, contemporaneously  
29 produce another paper record containing such corrections or changes  
30 and provide the elector with another opportunity to verify ballot  
31 preferences in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. As  
32 used in this section, "electronic summary screen" means a screen  
33 generated by a direct recording electronic voting machine that displays  
34 a summary of an elector's selections of ballot preferences for  
35 candidates and questions or proposals, if any, at an election or  
36 primary;

37 (3) Provide that a ballot shall be deemed cast on the voting machine  
38 at the time that an elector's contemporaneously produced, individual,  
39 permanent, voter-verified paper record, containing all of the elector's  
40 final selections of ballot preferences, is (A) deposited inside a  
41 receptacle designed to store all such paper records produced by such  
42 voting machine on the day of the election or primary, and (B) the  
43 elector's selection of ballot preferences is simultaneously electronically  
44 recorded inside the voting machine for the purpose of (i) being  
45 electronically tabulated immediately after the polls are closed on the  
46 day of the election or primary, and (ii) producing, on such other day as  
47 required under section 9-242b, a voting machine generated, individual,  
48 permanent, paper record of each such elector's selections of ballot  
49 preferences for candidates and questions or proposals, if any;

50 (4) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (1) of section 9-  
51 242b, secure the secrecy of each such elector's ballot by making it  
52 impossible for any other individual to identify the elector in  
53 relationship to such elector's selection of ballot preferences at the time

54 that the elector (A) selects ballot preferences; (B) verifies the accuracy  
55 of the electronic summary screen by comparing it to the  
56 contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent, paper record or  
57 the audio description of such electronic summary screen, prior to  
58 casting a ballot; (C) makes corrections or changes by reselecting ballot  
59 preferences and verifies the accuracy of such preferences in accordance  
60 with the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection prior to casting  
61 a ballot; and (D) casts the ballot; and at the time that all electors' ballots  
62 are canvassed, recanvassed or otherwise tallied to produce a final  
63 count of the vote for candidates and questions or proposals, if any,  
64 whether through the electronic vote tabulation process or through the  
65 manual count process of each elector's contemporaneously produced,  
66 individual, permanent, voter-verified paper record, as set forth in  
67 section 9-242b; [and]

68 (5) Except for the one voting machine per polling place that  
69 complies with the provisions of the Help America Vote Act, 42 USC  
70 15301 et seq., be able to display, at once, on the machine's interface all  
71 such information as is required pursuant to chapter 147 to appear on  
72 the ballot label provided nothing in this subdivision shall be construed  
73 to apply to any request for proposals issued by the Secretary of the  
74 State, on or before the effective date of this section, for such electronic  
75 voting machine; and

76 [(5)] (6) (A) Be accessible to blind or visually impaired persons by  
77 providing each elector, if desired by the elector, an audio description  
78 of the contemporaneously produced individual, permanent, paper  
79 record containing all of the elector's selections of ballot preferences, in  
80 addition to an audio description of the electronic summary screen and  
81 comply with such additional standards of accessibility included in  
82 regulations that the Secretary of the State may adopt in accordance  
83 with the provisions of chapter 54.

84 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this  
85 subdivision, on or before June 30, 2007, the Secretary of the State may  
86 approve an electronic voting machine that does not comply with the

87 provisions of said subparagraph if (i) the Secretary determines that  
 88 there are no electronic voting machines available for purchase or lease  
 89 at the time of such approval that are capable of complying with said  
 90 subparagraph (A), (ii) the electronic voting machine complies with the  
 91 provisions of subdivisions (1) to [(4)] (5), inclusive, of this subsection,  
 92 and (iii) the person applying to the Secretary for approval of the  
 93 electronic voting machine agrees to include a provision in any contract  
 94 for the sale or lease of such voting machines that requires such person,  
 95 upon notification by the Secretary that modifications to such machines  
 96 that would bring the machines into compliance said subparagraph (A)  
 97 are available, to (I) so modify any electronic voting machines  
 98 previously sold or leased under such contract in order to comply with  
 99 said subparagraph (A), and (II) provide that any electronic voting  
 100 machines sold or leased after receipt of such notice comply with said  
 101 subparagraph (A). No voting machine approved under this  
 102 subparagraph shall be used on or after July 1, 2007, unless it has been  
 103 modified to comply with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this  
 104 subdivision.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-242(d)
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**PD**      *Joint Favorable*